GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3890
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RECOVERY OF FREIGHT CONSIGNMENT
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have incurred a loss of nearly Rs.21 crore during 1995-2000 on account of irregular practice of issuing "paid" railway receipts instead of "To Pay" in respect of consignments booked without actual recovery of freight on completion of loading;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether the practice is still continuing; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) and (b) No, Sir. However, in para 3.1.2 in the Comptroller & Auditor General of India's Report No.9 of 2001 (Railways) non recovery of "To Pay" surcharge amounting to Rs. 20.42 crore has been mentioned on account of issuing "Paid" instead of "To Pay" Railway Receipts. The Report is under examination and the comments of the concerned Zonal Railways have been called for taking necessary action as per extant rules.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, whenever any such cases come to notice, all efforts are made by the Railways to realise the freight charges as per the prescribed rules and take up with the erring staff under the Railways' Discipline & Appeal rules.